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MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

HARARE, ZIMBABWE

11 and 12 December 1998

OPENING ACTIONS - 11 December 1998

I. Call to Order

The Central Committee was elected during the Eighth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Harare, Zimbabwe, on 10 December 1998. It was convened in closed session by the General Secretary, Dr Konrad Raiser, on 11 December at 16.30 hrs in order to elect a Nominations Committee.

II. Roll Call

In view of the brief time available for this meeting, the full roll call was not taken.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The General Secretary explained that the task of the Nominations Committee was to propose nominations for a Moderator and two Vice-Moderators of the new Central Committee, and for the members of the Executive Committee.

Several changes were proposed to the slate of names submitted by the General Secretary, and these were accepted by acclamation. Two members later withdrew from the Committee in order to be able to stand as candidates for the Executive Committee.

The membership of the Nominations Committee as confirmed by the Central Committee, was as follows:

Rev. Levi AKHURA, *Church of the Holy Spirit, Kenya*
Ms Akissi ANEYE, *Protestant Methodist Church, Ivory Coast*

Metropolitan ATHANASIOS (Papas), *Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey*
 Mr Victor AVASI, *Church of the Province of Uganda (Anglican)*
 Rt Rev. Samuel AZARIAH, *Church of Pakistan*
 Diakonin Valmi I. BECKER, *Evang. Ch. of Lutheran Confession in Brazil*
 Mrs Selai CATI, *Kiribati Protestant Church, Kiribati/Pacific*
 Ms Alice-Jean FINLEY, *Anglican Church of Canada*
 Prof. Aurel JIVI, *Romanian Orthodox Church*
 Rev. Mari KINNUNEN, *Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland*
 Mrs Christa KRONSHAGE, *Evangelical Church in Germany*
 Mr Welly MANDOWEN, *Evangelical Christian Church of Irian Jaya, Indonesia*
 Rev. Hector MENDEZ, *Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba*
 Ms Pragyan MOHANTY, *Church of North India*
 Ms Margareta NELIUBOVA, *Russian Orthodox Church*
 Rt Rev. John R.W. NEILL, *Church of Ireland (Anglican)*
 Dr Rubina PEROOMIAN, *Armenian Apostolic Church, Cilicia/Lebanon*
 Rev. Dr Staccato POWELL, *African Methodist Episcopal Zion Ch., USA*
 Rev. Dr Bruce ROBBINS, *United Methodist Church, USA*
 Bishop SERAPION, *Coptic Orthodox Church, Egypt*
 Rev. Pavel STEFANOWSKI, *Autocephalous Orthodox Church in Poland*
 Mrs Madeleine TIKI KOUUM (SOPPO), *Evangelical Church of Cameroon*
 Rev. Dr A. WALKER-SMITH, *National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.*

It was reported that, in addition to proposals for Moderator, two Vice-Moderators, and members of the Executive Committee, the Nominations Committee would bring proposals for membership of the Standing Committee on Faith and Order; for the WCC members of the Joint Working Group between the WCC and the Roman Catholic Church; and for the core group of the Bossey Board.

This meeting of the Central Committee was closed at 17.30 hrs.

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The Nominations Committee was convened by the General Secretary to a meeting on the same day, 11 December, and began its work immediately. Following the proposal of the General Secretary, Bishop John Neill was confirmed as Moderator of the Nominations Committee.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

I. OPENING ACTIONS - 12 December

I. Call to Order

The 49th meeting of the Central Committee was called to order at 20.00 hrs on Saturday 12 December 1998, in the New Lecture Hall, University of Zimbabwe. In accordance with a proposal by the General Secretary, the Committee confirmed outgoing president Bishop Vinton Anderson as moderator for this session.

II. Agenda

The General Secretary indicated that the agenda for this meeting included the election of the officers of the Central and Executive Committees, and of the members of the Executive Committee; confirmation of the proposed membership of the Faith and Order Standing Commission, the WCC members of the Joint Working Group with the RCC, and the Core Board of the Ecumenical Institute, Bossey. These latter three groups had been proposed by the outgoing Executive Committee and reviewed by the Nominations Committee.

III. Minutes of previous meeting

As the minutes of the last meeting of the Central Committee held in Geneva, Switzerland, 11-19 September 1997, had not yet been circulated to all members of the new Central Committee, their approval was held over until the next meeting.

IV. Seating of Substitutes

The General Secretary explained that procedures for Central Committee allow for any member to appoint a substitute if he or she is unable to be present; a substitute must be a member of the same church and region as the member.

The seating of substitutes was **agreed** as follows:

Metr. Chrysostomos Macheriotis for Bishop Vasilios Karayannis,
Church of Cyprus

Rev. Mihail-Daniel Lungu for Bishop Nifon of Slobozia and Calarasi,
Romanian Orthodox Church

Mr Gabriel Habib for Bishop George Zakhm, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate
of Antioch and all the East

Metropolitan Bishoy for Bishop Youannes, Coptic Orthodox Church, Egypt.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Moderator of the Nominations Committee, Bishop John Neill, presented the slate of nominations for the Executive Committee. He explained that the committee had limited itself to proposing 19 names, including the Officers, in keeping with the composition of the Executive Committee in the period until this assembly.

The previous decision of the Assembly to confirm the revised Rule VI,1. regarding the composition of the Executive Committee would make it possible to increase the membership by four persons. If the Central Committee were to make use of this possibility the Nominations Committee would propose the addition of Rev. Anders Gadegaard as a first priority. Other names which had been considered positively by the Nominations Committee included the Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky and Ms Idah Njobwu.

I. Election of Officers

The Moderator presented the following nominations for the Officers of the Central Committee:

Moderator: His Holiness ARAM I, *Armenian Apostolic Church, Catholicosate of Cilicia, Lebanon*

Vice-Moderators: Ms Justice Sophia O. A. ADINYIRA, *Church of the Province of West Africa, Ghana*

Dr Marion S. BEST, *United Church of Canada, Canada.*

In making these proposals, the Moderator said that there had been full agreement on the part of the Nominations Committee with regard to the importance of maintaining some continuity in appointing the Officers. Responding to a question as to whether there was any precedent for re-electing a Moderator, the General Secretary said that the Second Assembly in Evanston had elected Dr Fry as Chairman of Central Committee and he had been re-elected at New Delhi. There was nothing in the Rules to prevent a re-election. The term of office would be the same as that of Central Committee - until the next Assembly.

Bishop Neill, answering another question, said that during the discussions of the Nominations Committee no other candidate had been proposed as moderator. In view of the present difficulties in relation to membership of some Orthodox Churches in the WCC, and the important role His Holiness Aram I had played in negotiations thus far, the Committee had been unanimous in proposing the three names for moderator and two vice-moderators.

The Central Committee **voted in favour** (with one vote against and one abstention) of appointing the above as Officers of the Council for the period until the next Assembly:

II. Executive Committee

There followed some discussion as to the best procedure to adopt in electing the Executive Committee. Some felt that the list of 16 names should be appointed first and that subsequently the additional four persons be nominated; others preferred to complete the list first and to vote once on the full slate.

After a further round of questions for clarification, the Central Committee agreed to add the name of Rev. Anders Gadegaard, and to confirm the slate of 16 names as presented by the Nominations Committee. When the vote was called, the slate was confirmed by a large majority, with 5 votes against and 6 abstentions.

The Central Committee then agreed to elect Fr Leonid Kishkovsky as an additional member of the Executive Committee.

It was further agreed that the next addition should be made from among women members from Africa. A ballot vote was taken with Ms Louise Bakala-

Koumouno and Ms Abigail Ogunsanya as candidates. Ms Abigail Ogunsanya was elected by 79 votes to 43, with 7 abstentions/invalid votes.

For the last additional place, it was agreed that a young ordained woman be named. Rev. Septemmy Lakawa, from Indonesia, was elected unanimously.

Membership of the Executive Committee was thus confirmed as follows:

AFRICA

Rev. Yadessa DABA, *Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus*
 Rt Rev. Dr Maake J. MASANGO, *Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa*
 Ms Abigail OGUNSANYA, *Church of the Lord Aladura*

ASIA

Ms Carmencita KARAGDAG, *Philippine Independent Church*
 Rev. Septemmy LAKAWA, *Protestant Church in South-East Sulawesi*
 Dr Samuel LEE, *Presbyterian Church of Korea*
 Bishop Dr ZACHARIAS Mar Theophilus, *Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar*, India

CARIBBEAN

Ms Donnalie EDWARDS, *Church of the Province of the West Indies*

EUROPE

Rev. Anders GADEGAARD, *Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark*
 Bishop Dr Wolfgang HUBER, *Evang. Church in Germany, (Lutheran)*
 Ms Jana KALINOVA, *Czechoslovak Hussite Church*, Czech Republic

LATIN AMERICA

Ms Inamar Correa DE SOUZA, *Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil*

NORTH AMERICA

Rev. Dr Clifton KIRKPATRICK, *Presbyterian Church, USA*
 Rt Rev. McKinley YOUNG, *African Methodist Episcopal Church, USA*

PACIFIC

Rev. Dr Ilaiti Sevati TUWERE, *Methodist Church in Fiji*

EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCHES

Rev. Dr Hilarion ALFEYEV, *Moscow Patriarchate, Russia*

Very Rev. Leonid KISHKOVSKY, *Orthodox Church in America, USA*

Bishop NIFON of Slobozia and Calarasi, *Romanian Orthodox Church*

Very Rev. Georges TSETSIS, *Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, Switzerland*

ORIENTAL ORTHODOX CHURCHES

Mar Cyril Ephraim KARIM, *Syrian Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch, USA*

Mr Akhura noted that for the first time a representative from an African Instituted Church had been appointed as a member of the Executive Committee. He expressed appreciation for this sign that the need for balances was being taken seriously.

OTHER NOMINATIONS

I. Faith and Order Standing Commission

Bishop Neill reported that members of the Nominations Committee had been aware that they did not have the time or experience to study in detail the proposals for membership of the Faith and Order Standing Commission. They had therefore decided to present the list as they had received it, noting that further consideration had been requested with regard to one name.

The General Secretary explained that the Faith and Order Commission was composed according to a very delicate process, and names could only be put forward from among those proposed by member churches for this Commission. The outgoing Board had thus been limited in its choice of names to those coming from the churches.

In examining the list proposed by the Board, the Executive Committee found that the representation of Orthodox Churches was below the required level, whereas there was an exceptionally high Lutheran representation. The Executive

had therefore requested that an exchange be made drawing on the available names proposed by the churches. If the Central Committee did not wish to accept this alternative name, the matter would have to go back to Faith and Order; the new Standing Commission would have to seek another solution and bring a proposal back to Central Committee for consideration in August.

Dr Raiser further pointed out that Faith and Order also has a Plenary Commission of 120 members which normally meets once between assemblies. Proposals for membership of this larger body would come to Central Committee for approval at its meeting in August 1999.

A number of alternative names were suggested, and although they could not be acted upon, they were noted for referral to Faith and Order for possible membership of the Plenary Commission. These included Bishop Thomas Hoyt (Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, USA), and Dr Matthias Sens (EKD).

Concern was expressed about the limitations imposed on the nominations for this Commission, and it was requested that this be conveyed to Faith and Order.

The Central Committee voted, with 10 against and 5 abstentions, to **approve** the list of names as presented:

AFRICA

Rev. Megerse GUTA, *Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus*
 Ms Sarah S. KAULULE, *United Church of Zambia*
 Rev. Jane NAMUGENYI, *Church of the Province of Uganda/Anglican*
 Most Rev. John ONAIYEKAN, *Roman Catholic Church, Nigeria*
 Rev. Prof. Dr David YEMBA, *United Methodist Church, Congo/Zimbabwe*
 (Proposed Moderator)

ASIA

Rev. GAO Ying, *China Christian Council*
 Prof. Yo Han HYUN, *Presbyterian Church of Korea*
 Rev. Dr Jacob KURIEN, *Orthodox Syrian Church of the East/Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, India*
 Rev. Carolina PATTIASINA, *Protestant Church in the Moluccas, Indonesia*

Rev. Dr Hermen SHASTRI, *Methodist Church, Malaysia*

CARIBBEAN

Rev. Neville CALLAM, *Jamaica Baptist Union*

EUROPE

Rev. Dr André BIRMELE, *Lutheran and Reformed Churches of France*
 Archbishop FEOFAN, *Russian Orthodox Church, Germany*
 Metropolitan GENNADIOS of Sassima (Limouris), *Ecumenical Patriarchate, Greece/Turkey*

Rt Rev. John HIND, *Church of England, England*

Sister Dr Mary O'DRISCOLL, *Roman Catholic Church, Ireland/Italy*

Dr Turid Karlsen SEIM, *Church of Norway*

Rev. Dr Michael TITA, *Romanian Orthodox Church*

Prof. Dr Dorothea WENDEBOURG, *Evangelical Church in Germany /Lutheran*

Dr Catrin WILLIAMS, *Presbyterian Church of Wales, UK*

AUSTRALIA/PACIFIC

Rev. Prof. Dorothy LEE, *Uniting Church in Australia*

LATIN AMERICA

Dr Pablo ANDIÑACH, *Evangelical Methodist Church of Argentina*

Rev. Dr Ivone RICHTER-REIMER, *Evangelical Church of Lutheran Confession in Brazil*

MIDDLE EAST

Metropolitan Dr G. Yohanna IBRAHIM, *Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch, Syria*

Bishop Vasilios KARAYANNIS of Trimithus, *Church of Cyprus*

NORTH AMERICA

Rev. Dr Melanie MAY, *Church of the Brethren, USA*

Rev. Dr Katharine Doob SAKENFIELD, *Presbyterian Church, USA*

Rev. Dr William TABBERNEE, *Disciples of Christ, USA*

Dr Constance TARASAR, *Orthodox Church in America, USA*

Rev. Dr Jean-Marie TILLARD, OP, *Roman Catholic Church, Canada.*

II. Joint Working Group between the WCC and the Roman Catholic Church

Bishop Neill said that the proposed membership from the WCC side had been received from the outgoing Executive Committee. Again, due to lack of time, it had not been possible to give detailed consideration to the names suggested.

The Central Committee voted, with 1 against and 5 abstentions, to **approve** the appointment of the WCC members of the Joint Working Group as follows:

(a) Members:

Prof. Sam MALUKELE, South Africa

Bishop Philipose Mar EUSEBIOS, *Malankara Syrian Orthodox Church, India*

Bishop Dr Jonas JONSON, *Lutheran Church of Sweden*

Rev. Juan SEPULVEDA, *Pentecostal Mission Church, Chile*

Rev. Diane KESSLER, *United Church of Christ, USA*

Ms Susan Janelle BAZZANA, *Anglican Church of Australia*

Ms Ülle KEEL, *Evangelical Church of Estonia*

Prof. Nicholas LOSSKY, *Russian Orthodox Church, France*

(b) Consultants:

- Rev. David HAMID, Anglican Consultative Council (ACC)

- Rev. Prof. Viorel IONITA, Conference of European Churches (CEC)

- Metropolitan GENNADIOS, Orthodox-Roman Catholic Theological Dialogue

- Rev. Valamotu PALU, Pacific Council of Churches (PCC)

- Dr Musimbi KANYORO, YWCA.

III. Core members of the Board of the Ecumenical Institute, Bossey

Bishop Neill reported that the names of six persons had been proposed by the outgoing Executive Committee to serve on the Core Group of the Board of the Ecumenical Institute. The rest of the 15 members would be appointed by Central Committee at its meeting in August.

The Nominations Committee recommended, and the Central Committee agreed, with one abstention, that the following be appointed as members of the Bossey Board:

Rev. Dr Robert WELSH, *Disciples of Christ, USA*

Rev. Dr Wesley ARIARAJAH, *Methodist Church, Sri Lanka/ Switzerland/USA*

Dr Wanda DEIFELT, *Lutheran Church, Brazil*

Dr Dietrich WERNER, *Evangelical Church in Germany*

Mr Albert LAHAM, *Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch, Lebanon/ Switzerland (to be substituted when necessary by Ms Nadja Nassif, from the same church).*

- Mr Georges Lemopoulos, Deputy General Secretary - *ex officio.*

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Rev. Dr Hilarion Alfeyev informed members of Central Committee that the Russian Orthodox Church had decided that its delegates should suspend their participation in the governing bodies of the WCC. They would remain members but would not take part in voting procedures or decision-making until the work of the Special Theological Commission has been completed.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The following dates were agreed:

15 - 20 March 1999

- Executive Committee, Geneva

24 - 25 August 1999

- Executive Committee, Geneva

26 August - 3 September 1999

- Central Committee, Geneva

CLOSING ACTIONS

Bishop Anderson thanked members of the Central Committee for their participation, and declared adjourned the 49th meeting of the Central Committee at 22.40 hrs.

PARTICIPANTS

OFFICERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Moderator

His Holiness ARAM I, Catholicos of Cilicia, Armenian Apostolic Church (Cilicia), Lebanon

Vice-Moderators

Ms Justice Sophia O. A. ADINYIRA, Church of the Province of West Africa (Anglican), Ghana

Dr Marion S. BEST, United Church of Canada

General Secretary

Rev. Dr Konrad RAISER, Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland, Germany

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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Ms Martha G. AISI, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea

Rev. Levi AKHURA, African Church of the Holy Spirit, Kenya

* Rev. Dr Hilarion ALFEYEV, Russian Orthodox Church

Metropolitan AMBROSIUS of Oulu, Orthodox Church of Finland

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Ms Lois M. DAUWAY, United Methodist Church, USA
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 Mr Wilhelm H.A-K. JAP-A-JOE, Moravian Church in Suriname
 Rev. Prof. Aurel JIVI, Romanian Orthodox Church
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 Mrs Muna KALLAS, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East
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 Czech Republic
 * Rev. Septemmy E. LAKAWA, Protestant Church in South-East Sulawesi,
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 Rev. Jeffrey A. McKENZIE, Jamaica Baptist Union
 Rev. Hector MENDEZ, Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada en Cuba
 Rt Rev. Godfrey M. MHOGOLO, Anglican Church of Tanzania
 Dr Nenad MILOSEVIC, Serbian Orthodox Church
 Ms Ngoyi M.M. MISENGA, Communauté presbytérienne de Kinshasa, Rép. dém. du Congo
 Ms Pragyan MOHANTY, Church of North India
 Rt Rev. Dr Barry MORGAN, Church in Wales, UK
 Mr Naboth M. MUCHOPA, Methodist Church, UK
 Pastor Luis Ulises MUÑOZ MORAGA, Pentecostal Church of Chile
 Mrs Patricia MUTUMBURANZOU, Reformed Church in Zimbabwe
 Rt Rev. John R.W. NEILL, Church of Ireland, Rep. of Ireland
 Ms Margarita NELIUBOVA, Russian Orthodox Church
 * Bishop Dr NIFON of Slobozia and Calarasi, Romanian Orthodox Church
 Ms Idah NJOBVU, Reformed Church in Zambia
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Rev. Melake Tabor T. ZERIHUN, Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church.

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Karayannis
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